

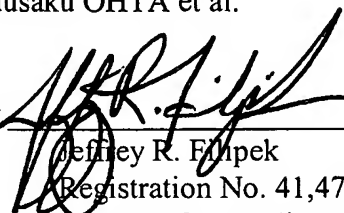
REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment, the abstract has been amended to reduce its word length to 150 words or fewer as required by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Yuusaku OHTA et al.

By



Jeffrey R. Folpek

Registration No. 41,471

Attorney for Applicants

JRF/fs

Washington, D.C. 20006-1021

Telephone (202) 721-8200

Facsimile (202) 721-8250

August 28, 2003